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INDIAN SCHOOLS

Chemawa, Or., Sept. 24.—Eighteen pupils were received at the Indian school yesterday. They came in two parties one of 12 being brought from Roche Harbor, Wash., by C O French, and the other by Mrs. McBride of South Bend, Wash.

The attendance is larger at present than it was at this time last year, and in all probability the record of last year will be broken. Last year the enrollment was 868. The work at the school has settled into its regular groove, all of the industrial shops now being open.—Oregon Journal.

The Chemawa school is maintained by the United States. It is a manual training school in which the young Indians of both sexes are taught trades, including cutting and making garments, modern cooking as well as mathematics and literature, free hand drawing and music.

Young Indians from Oregon, Washington and Idaho are taught at this school. In 1900 the United States census gives the Indian population of these three states on the several reservations, Oregon 4,063, Idaho 3,557 and Washington 10,019, a total of 17,639.

The Indians of school age, 5 to 20 years old inclusive, in the three states aggregate 6,691 distributed as follows, in Oregon 1,745, Washington 3,142 and in Idaho 1,204. From these figures it will be seen that ten per cent of the Indian children of school age attend this school, which speaks well for that school.

The census reports for 1900 give the number of Indian children, who attended school the census year ending June 1900 at 37,537 in the United States.

The following conclusions drawn from the figures gathered by the census takers as to the relative illiteracy of the whites, negroes and Indians in the United States are worthy of consideration and show that the Indians are advancing educationally.

"The proportion of illiterates among persons 10 to 14 years of age is less than that for persons 15 to 17 or 18 to 20 years of age, when the illiterate population in 1900 is considered as a whole, but for native whites of native parentage the proportion is slightly larger, 4.4 per cent for those 10 to 14 years old, as compared with 4.1 per cent for those 15 to 17 years old and 4.2 per cent for those 18 to 20 years of age. The proportion of illiterates for this element of the population do not vary greatly, however, for the age groups from 10 to 34 years, inclusive, after

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which the proportion is increased to 6.4 for those 35 to 44 years, to 8 per cent for those in groups 45 to 54 and 55 to 64 years, and 10.7 per cent for those 65 years of age and upwards."

"The proportion of illiterate negroes range between 30 and 40 per cent for the age groups from 10 to 34 inclusive, being more than one half of the entire number in group 35 to 44 years of age, more than two thirds in group 45 to 54 years, more than three fourths in group 55 to 64 years old and considerably more than four fifths in the group 65 years and over."

"The proportion of illiterates among the Indian population is large for all age groups, ranging from about three tenths for the earlier periods to about four fifths for the period from 45 to 54 years and to very nearly nine tenths for the old Indians from 65 years and upward."

The percentage of illiteracy shows large in every class of our population when it is remembered that in 1900 there were 21,404,322 persons of school age in the United States that is 5 to 18 years of age, of whom 15,503,110 were enrolled in the public schools, to instruct whom 422,062 teachers were employed and \$137,687,746 paid them for their services and the total expenditure for the public schools that year was \$214,964,618.

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 At home, with the smell of the soap suds away.
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